Sustainable Water Development

A Positive Response to Corps Reform

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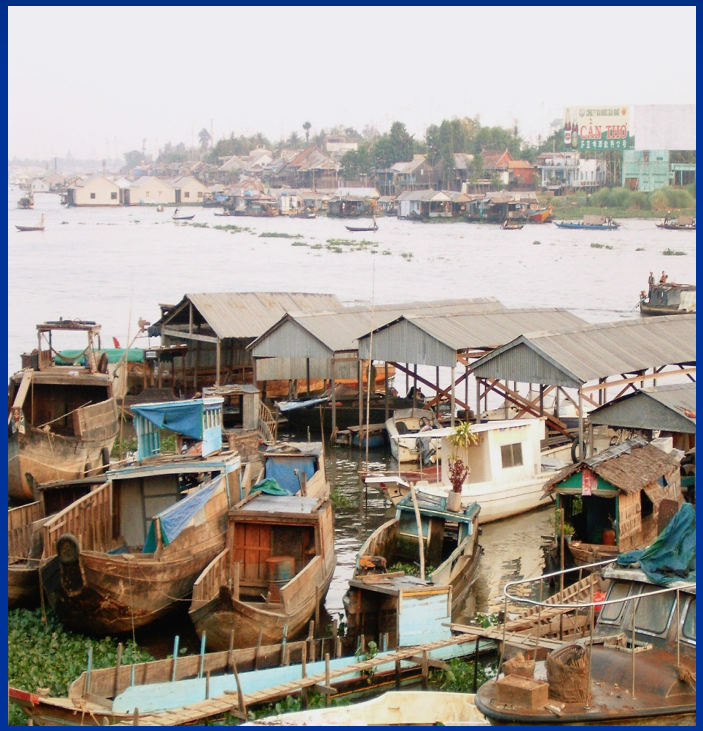
- Experience in Asia
- Corps Reform Issues
- Planning Excellence Program
- Four Steps to Positive Reform

International Water Programs

Experience in Asia, March 2004

- Mekong-Mississippi Partnership
- Japan River Policy Network

Mekong River Basin
Mississippi-Mekong Partnership



- Mekong River Basin Commission
- Mississippi-Mekong Partnership
- Mekong River Basin Trip, March 2004

Mekong River Basin Sustainable Water Development Opportunity

- Endangered Ecosystem
- Must Link Water Policy to Water Development
- Threat from China Dams on Upper Mekong River
- Chief of Engineers Visit April 2004

Japan Water Resources River Policy Network Symposiums

- River Policy Network Issues
  - Dam Removal
  - Stakeholder Involvement
- Symposiums, Workshops & Site Visits: March 2004
  - Tokushima
  - Yatsushiro
  - Nagoya
  - Matsumoto

Japan Water Resources Sustainable Water Development Opportunity

- Extensive Existing and Proposed Structural Development of River Basins
- 14 Dams Under Construction
- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Just Ruled Out Starting New Dams on 7 Major River Systems
- Government Must Engage in Stakeholder Collaboration

Some Thoughts on Sustainable Development
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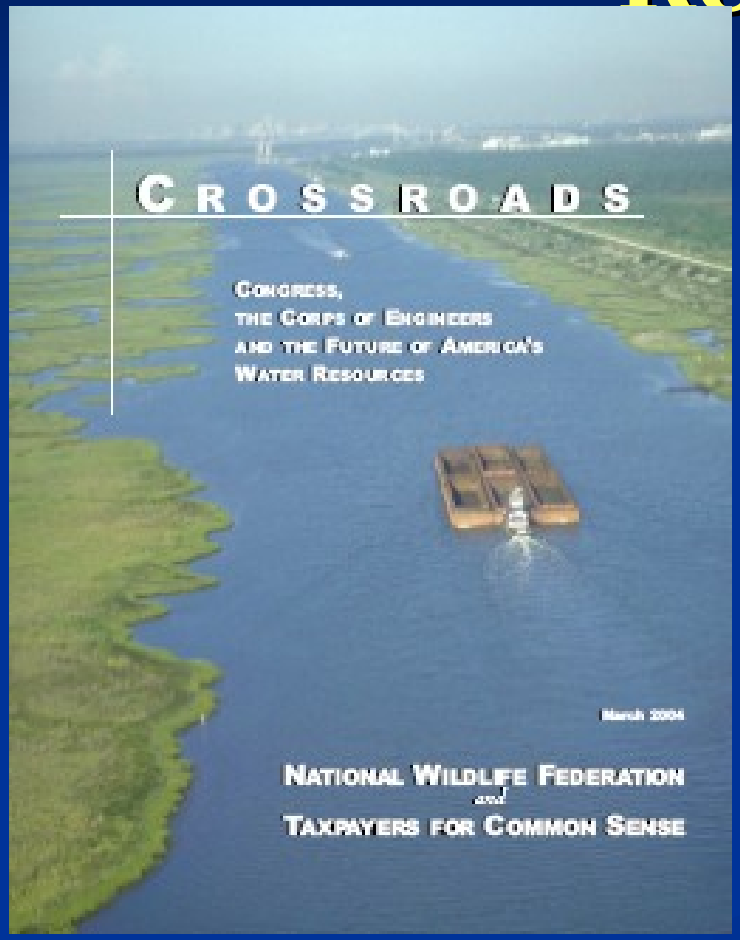
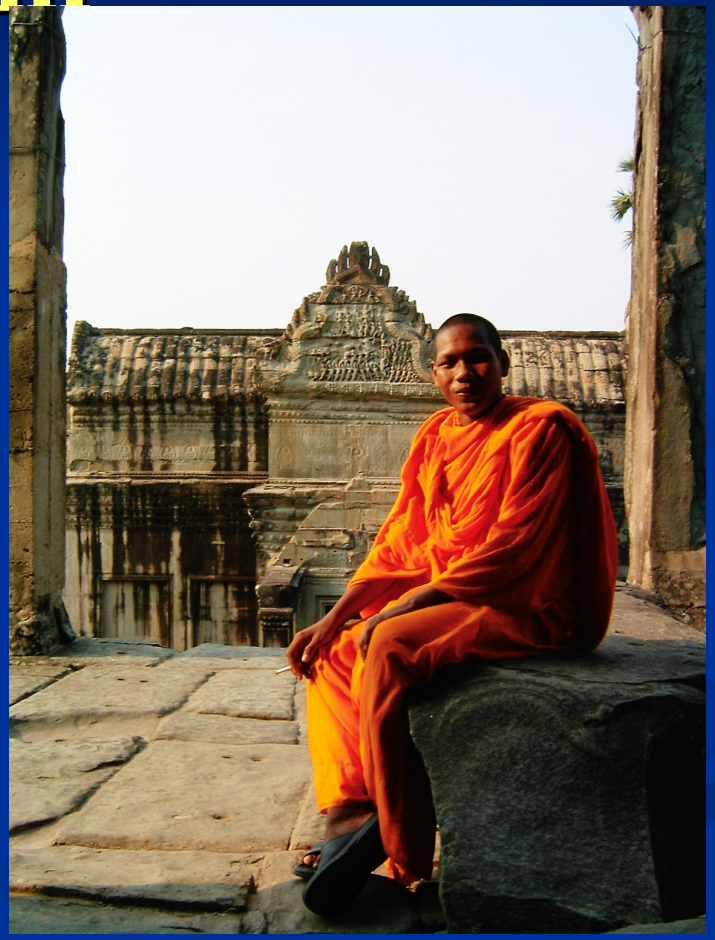
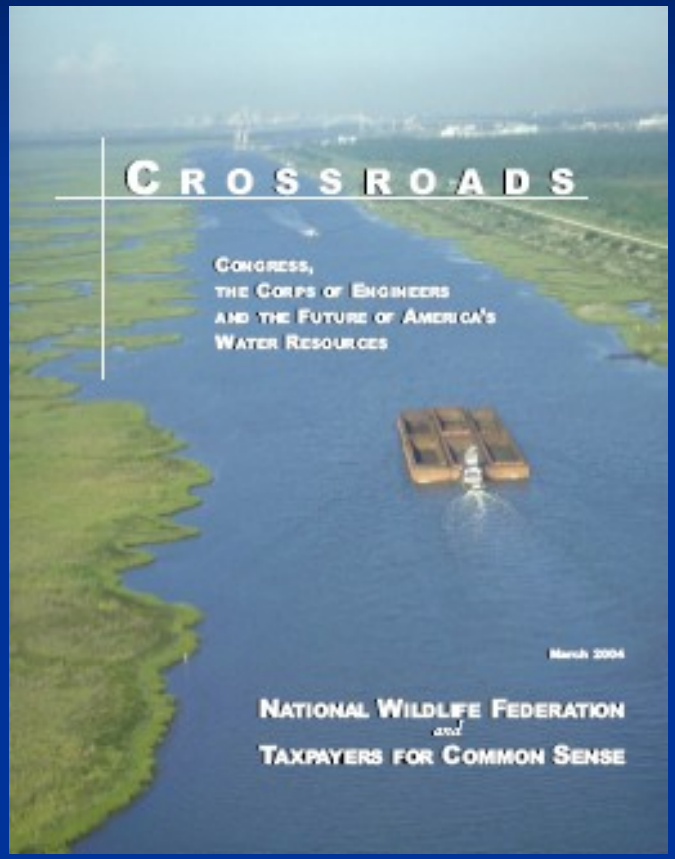




Corps Reform- Crossroads Report March 2004



- National Wildlife Federation & Taxpayers for Common Sense
- Follows ***Troubled Waters*** Report. March 2002
- Identifies 29 Projects as Concerns or Threats
- Corps Response in ***Hot Topics***

Corps Reform Network Initiative

- **Letter to Congress on February 20, 2004 from 81 organizations that are members of Corps Reform Network calling for comprehensive reforms to the Corps project planning and implementation process in next WRDA.**

- **“Comprehensive reforms are needed to ensure that water resources projects are *environmentally sound* and protect the ecological viability of the nation’s rivers, streams, coasts, and wetlands.**

- **Comprehensive reforms also are needed to ensure that Corps projects are *economically sound* and serve the American people instead of a handful of special interests.”**

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Sustainable Water Development Four Steps to Positive Reform

- Build and Empower Planners and Planning Leaders
- Develop Practical Plan Formulation & Evaluation Procedures to Achieve Environmental Sustainability
- Create Environmentally Sustainable System of New, Legacy & Existing Projects
- Establish Credible Independent Review

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